Made in India exhibition in Lahore, Pakistan

237. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry of Commerce is planning to organize a 'Made in India' exhibition in Lahore, Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government of Pakistan has allowed only exhibition of products to be displayed at the expo, and not granted permission for on the spot sale of all products;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to ask Pakistan Government to reconsider and allow on the spot sale of all products; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), in association with Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI), is organizing the Made in India exhibition at Lahore from 10th to 16th November, 2005.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Government of Pakistan has conveyed permission for display of all durable and industrial products and on the spot sale of non-durable products only.

(d) and (e) FICCI is going ahead with organizing the exhibition as per the permission given by the Government of Pakistan and not requested for reconsideration of the same.

Asian Economic Community

238. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently India has espoused vision of an Asian Economic Community, like the European Union, which would encompass the ASEAN, Japan, China, South Korea and India, to help